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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. THE EARTHQUAKE IN IRIAN JAYA DOMINATED PRESS COVERAGE OVER THE PAST WEEK, WITH CONTINUING ATTENTION TO POLITICAL MANEUVERING FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS OFFERING THE ONLY SERIOUS COMPETITION.

2. HIGHLY FAVORABLE THREE-PAGE ARTICLE APPEARED IN WEEKLY NEWS-MAGAZINE "TEMPO," REGARDED AS INDONESIA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS NEWS PUBLICATION, FEATURING AN INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR NEWSOM ON CURRENT STATE OF AMERICA AND WHERE IT IS GOING. IN INTRODUCTION, "TEMPO" REFERS TO US LOW PROFILE IN INDONESIA PAST TEN YEARS AND NOTES WITH IMPLIED APPROVAL EMPHASIS IN "TITIAN," POST'S INDONESIAN LANGUAGE PUBLICATION, AND AT LEMBAGA INDONESIA-AMERIKA ON SUBJECTS MUTUALLY RELEVANT TO THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. "LIFE, LIBERTY AND PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" EXHIBIT CLOSED IN JAKARTA ON JUNE 11. IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULED VISITS OF HIGH SCHOOL UNCLASSIFIED

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STUDENTS, POST ALSO PROGRAMMED FILM SHOW AND RECEPTION AT EXHIBIT

FOR OVER FIFTY RETURNED GRANTEES."

4. SMALLER VERSIONS OF EXHIBIT SUPPORTED BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN MEDAN AND SURABAYA. IN SURABAYA, OPENING OF EXHIBIT AT BNC INCLUDED PRESENTATION OF BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN BY CONSUL TO REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNOR OF EAST JAVA, FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION FOR LOCAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY VIP'S. FILM SHOWINGS AND TAPED MUSICAL PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE AT EXHIBIT UNTIL JULY 16.

5. CAPPING BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN JAKARTA, POST'S AMERICAN FILM WEEK (JULY 12-16), THE THIRD IN THIS SERIES, HAS DRAWN CAPACITY AUDIENCES FOR FIRST THREE NIGHTS. PROGRAM HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF UNSOLICITED NOTICE IN MEDIA AS FAR AS MEDAN. FILMS, PROVIDED BY IMV/R, HAVE GIVEN AN ENTHUSIASTIC HIGH LEVEL AUDIENCE A DRAMATIC DISPLAY OF AMERICAN ARTISTRY IN THE FIELD OF CINEMA. AUDIENCE TOTALS FOR THREE NIGHTS HAVE BEEN 184, 388 AND 413 PERSONS, RESPECTIVELY.

6. VOLSPKR DR. GEORGE VIKANINS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, GEORGETOWN UNIVSRITY, SPOKE TO 75 FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS AT FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH SUMATRA, MEDAN ON JULY 12. AUDIENCE WANTED MORE SPECIFICS IN Q&A PERIOD AS TO US ACTIONS IN PROMOTING TRADE WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS. VIKAMINS RESPONDED BY TRACING POSITIVE AMERICAN RECORD THIS AREA SINCE EARLY '60'S.

7. IN JAKARTA ON JULY 14, PROFESSOR VIKANINS SPOKE TO TWENTY ECONOMISTS, POLITICAL SCIENTISTS AND JOURNALISTS AT INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH, ADDRESSING HIMSELF PRIMARILY TO NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AS THEY AFFECT ASEAN. HE SUPPORTED POST OBJECTIVES BY DISCUSSING IN DETAIL UNCTAG IV. LATER ON SAME DAY, PROFESSOR VIKANINS PRESENTED SAME LECTURE TO GROUP OF TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS AT BNC JAKARTA.
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